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SUBJECT: HIJACK OF LOT AIRCRAFT TO BERLIN: US VIEWS
CONVEYED AND FRG REACTION

REFS: (A) STATE 225264; (B) STATE 225179

1. US REP CONVEYED INSTRUCTED POSITION (REF B) AT BONN
GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 6. WE ALSO DREW FROM
DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO FRENCH DEMARCHE (REF A) TO ANSWER
POINTS ON BONN DECLARATION.

2. FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) SAID THAT THE QUESTION WAS
DISCUSSED TODAY BY THE CHANCELLOR WITH THE COMPETENT
MINISTERS. THAT DISCUSSION CONFIRMED THE FRG POSITION
PREVIOUSLY TAKEN. HE SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK THAT
WE REPORT THIS POSITION FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION
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IN MAKING A DECISION. HE INDICATED THAT THERE WILL BE
NO FURTHER (E.G., HIGHER-LEVEL) DEMARCHE. HE EMPHASIZED
AGAIN IMPORTANCE OF COMMON ALLIED POSITION.

3. FRENCH REP (LASSUS) AND UK REP (EYERS) REITERATED
EARLIER ARGUMENTS. WHILE SAYING THAT FRENCH HAVE NO
REPEAT NO DOUBT THAT GERMAN TRIAL WOULD BE IN LINE WITH

BONN HIJACKING DECLARATION, LASSUS MADE IT CLEAR THAT FRENCH CONCERN IS ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. EYERS SAID THAT UK CONSIDERS A GERMAN TRIAL A LOGICAL EXTENSION OF TERMS OF HAGUE CONVENTION, IF A GERMAN TRIAL WERE TO PROMISE EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE EXPRESSION OF FRG VIEWS ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE TRIAL, THE UK BELIEVES THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THE BONN DECLARATION WOULD BE FOR THE US TO TRY THE HIJACKER.

4. FRENCH AND UK REPS ALSO ARGUED, WITH REGARD TO LAST US ARGUMENT IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFTTEL B, THAT THE MORE ALLIES ASSERT THEIR RIGHTS IN RESERVED FIELDS, THE BETTER CASE THEY HAVE FOR ANSWERING SOVIET ARGUMENT THAT WE ABDICATE OUR RIGHTS IN OTHER FIELDS.

5. EYERS ALSO SAID THAT UK HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON AND THAT UK HOPES US, AS SINGLE DISSENTER, WILL AGREE WITH POSITION OF OTHER THREE.
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